

Cornell University for the success of the Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, on the 5th anniversary of the Rovers' successful landing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 116; **Pages H3292–96**

Urging the President to designate 2009 as the "Year of the Military Family": H. Con. Res. 64, to urge the President to designate 2009 as the "Year of the Military Family", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 119; **Pages H3297–H3330, H3315–16**

Calling on the central authority of Brazil to immediately discharge all its duties under the Hague Convention by facilitating and supporting Federal judicial proceedings as a matter of extreme urgency to obtain the return of Sean Goldman to his father, David Goldman, for immediate return to the United States: H. Res. 125, to call on the central authority of Brazil to immediately discharge all its duties under the Hague Convention by facilitating and supporting Federal judicial proceedings as a matter of extreme urgency to obtain the return of Sean Goldman to his father, David Goldman, for immediate return to the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 120; **Pages H3300–05, H3316–17**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Calling on Brazil in accordance with its obligations under the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction to obtain, as a matter of extreme urgency, the return of Sean Goldman to his father David Goldman in the United States; urging the governments of all countries that are partners with the United States to the Hague Convention to fulfill their obligations to return abducted children to the United States; and recommending that all other nations, including Japan, that have unresolved international child abduction cases join the Hague Convention and establish procedures to promptly and equitably address the tragedy of international child abductions." **Page H3317**

Supporting the goals of International Women's Day: H. Res. 194, amended, to support the goals of International Women's Day; and **Pages H3305–07**

Recognizing the plight of the Tibetan people on the 50th anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama being forced into exile and calling for a sustained multilateral effort to bring about a durable and peaceful solution to the Tibet issue: H. Res. 226, to recognize the plight of the Tibetan people on the 50th anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama being forced into exile and to call for a sustained multilateral effort to bring about a durable

and peaceful solution to the Tibet issue, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 121.

Pages H3307–15, H3317

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009: S. 22, amended, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 282 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 117.

Pages H3151–H3290, H3296

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 10th:

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 38, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 417 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 118.

Pages H3296–97

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Supporting the designation of Pi Day: H. Res. 224, to support the designation of Pi Day.

Pages H3290–92

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared with respect to Iran is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–24).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3150.

Quorum Calls 6 Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3295–97, H3315–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review animal identification systems. Testimony was heard from John R. Clifford, D.V.M., Deputy Administrator,

Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Assessment of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Innovative Prisoner Reentry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Soldier Equipment, Ergonomics and Injuries. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter Charelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and GEN James Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Army and Marine Corps Readiness. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter Charelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army; and GEN James Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and Government Operations held a hearing on SEC Actions Relating to the Financial Crisis. Testimony was heard from Mary Shapiro, Chairman, SEC.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Forest Service Oversight. Testimony was heard from Robin Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, USDA.

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS—SECURITY CHALLENGES ARISING

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on security challenges arising from the global financial crisis. Testimony was heard from Dov Zakheim, former Under Secretary, (Comptroller), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

TRACKING AND DISRUPTING TERRORIST FINANCIAL NETWORKS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities

held a hearing on Tracking and Disrupting Terrorist Financial Networks: A Potential Model for Inter-Agency Success? Testimony was heard from Edward Frothingham III, Principal Director, Transnational Threats, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Counternarcotics, Counterproliferation, and Global Threats; LTG David P. Fridovich, USA, Commander, Center for Special Operations, U.S. Special Operations Command, both with the Department of Defense.

MEMBERS' DAY

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Members' Day. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ehlers, Holt, Markey of Colorado, Hare, Luján, Sablan, Griffith, Klein of Florida, McGovern, Peters, Walz, Giffords, Cohen, Green of Texas, Woolsey, Rodriguez, Goodlatte, Titus, Kirkpatrick of Arizona, Grayson, Pierluisi, Davis of Illinois, Carney, Teague, McCarthy of New York, and Matheson.

Hearings continue March 18.

GENERATIONS INVIGORATING VOLUNTEERISM AND EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1388, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act.

FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on How Do You Fix Our Ailing Food Safety System? Testimony was heard from William Hubbard, former Associate Commissioner, Policy and Planning, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Began consideration of the following S. 383, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program Act of 2009; and a Committee Print entitled "Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010.

Will continue tomorrow.

MORTGAGE LENDING REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on Mortgage Lending Reform: A Comprehensive Review of the American Mortgage System. Testimony was heard from Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on The Summit of the Americas: A New Beginning for U.S. Policy in the Region? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MUMBAI ATTACKS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “The Mumbai Attacks: A Wake-Up Call for America’s Private Sector.” Testimony was heard from James Snyder, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security; James W. McJunkin, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, Police Department, City of New York; and public witnesses.

CIRCUIT CITY BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Circuit City Unplugged: Why Did Chapter 11 Fail to Save 34,000 Jobs? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TROUBLED ASSETS RELIEF PROGRAM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Peeling Back the TARP: Exposing Treasury’s Failure to Monitor the Ways Financial Institutions are Using Taxpayer Funds Provided under the Troubled Assets Relief Program. Testimony was heard from Neel Kashkari, Acting Interim Assistant Secretary, Financial Stabilization, Department of Treasury; Neil M. Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Assets Relief Program; and Richard Hillman, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO.

WATER QUALITY INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1262, the “the Water Quality Investment Act of 2009.”

The resolution provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The resolution makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and considers the committee amendment as read. The resolution waives all points

of order against the committee amendment except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. This waiver does not affect the point of order available under clause 9 of rule XXI (regarding earmark dis-closure).

The resolution makes in order only those amendments printed in the report and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendments made in order shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the resolution lays on the table House Resolutions 218, 219, and 229. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Arcuri, Dahlkemper, Bordallo, Sablan, Mica, Miller of Michigan and Whitman.

FUTUREGEN-DOE’S ADVANCED COAL PROGRAM

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on FutureGen and the Department of Energy’s Advanced Coal Program. Testimony was heard from Pete Marone, Director, Technical Services, Virginia Department of Forensic Science; and public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on Small Business: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2010 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

IMPACT OF FOOD RECALLS ON SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulations and Healthcare held a hearing entitled “Impact of Food Recalls on Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from Ken Petersen, Assistant Administrator, Office of Field Operations, Food and Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; Steven Solomon, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Compliance Policy, FDA, Department on Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD DRUG AND MIGRANT INTERDICTION OVERVIEW

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard, and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on overview of Coast Guard Drug and Migrant Interdiction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM

Wayne E. Justice, Assistant Commandant, Capability; and RADM Joseph L. Nimmich, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force South.

COMMITTEE BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES FY 2010

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2010 to be submitted to the Committee on the Budget.

HEALTHCARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Expanding Coverage, Improving Quality and Controlling Costs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met to consider pending business.

Joint Meetings

TARP

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) accountability and oversight, focusing on achieving transparency, after receiving testimony from Richard H. Neiman, New York State Banking Department, Member, and Damon A. Silvers, Deputy Chairman, both of the Congressional Oversight Panel; and Nicole Tichon, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Alex J. Pollock, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, both of Washington, DC.

U.S. SENATE VACANCIES

Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution: Subcommittee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to examine S.J. Res. 7 and H.J. Res. 21, both proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators, after receiving testimony from Senator Begich; Representatives Dreier and Schock; Thomas H. Neale, Specialist in American National Government, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Kevin J. Kennedy, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Madison; Vikram David Amar, University of California School of Law, Davis; Bob Edgar, Common Cause, and Matthew Spalding, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, DC; Pamela S. Karlan, Stanford Law School Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Stanford, CA; and David Segal, Fair Vote Center for Voting and Democracy, Providence, RI.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine sustainable transportation solutions, focusing on investing in transit to meet 21st century challenges, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2010 budget and revenue proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John P. Holdren, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, both of the Department of Commerce, and routine promotion lists in the Coast Guard, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine climate science, focusing on empowering our response to climate change, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation regarding siting of electricity transmission lines, including increased Federal siting authority and regional transmission planning, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine work-force issues in health care reform, focusing on assessing the present and preparing for the future; Business meeting to consider the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for tribal priorities, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, and the nomination of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings to examine legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to mark up certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 11:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.